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Commerce Committee—March 9, 2010

**H. B. No. 5440 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE
INFRASTRUCTURE.**

This proposed bill makes changes to support the emergence of electric vehicles.

We are an active participant in the Governor's Electric Vehicles Infrastructure Council. Established in November 2009 by Executive Order No. 34, the Council has been tasked with preparing the state for a rapid and seamless integration of electric vehicles into the market. A final report is due to the Governor on September 1, 2010.

We support the intentions of this bill, and we have been an advocate for promoting the introduction of electric vehicle in Connecticut. That said, this proposed bill might be slightly ahead of its time because the Council has not yet completed its work. Once done, the Council will recommend approaches and processes for supporting an electric vehicle infrastructure. Many of the issues focus on consumer protection, cost recovery and sources of funding, which may require regulatory input and perhaps addressed at the DPUC. Further, there may be sources of funds for infrastructure that arise beyond those contemplated from DECD. In our view, passage of this bill does no harm to electric vehicles, but its provisions may need adjustment as we move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.